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Student named Volunteer of the Year for Savannah Speech and Hearing Center

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Georgia Southern University student Caroline Steed was selected as this year's Annie F. Oliver Volunteer of the Year award recipient by the Savannah Speech and Hearing Center.

The award is given annually to individuals who have demonstrated excellence and a strong commitment to volunteering for the betterment of the Savannah Speech and Hearing Center community.

"I was extremely honored to receive this award," said Steed. "Volunteering for this organization has truly been a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, and I feel very fortunate to be given the chance to work with the diverse populations that Savannah Speech and Hearing Center serves."

Steed, a native of Savannah, graduated in 2017 with a Bachelor of Science in Rehabilitation Sciences from Armstrong State University. Steed returned to obtain a post-baccalaureate certificate in communication sciences and disorders on the Armstrong Campus.

Steed has volunteered with the Savannah Speech and Hearing Center since January 2018 and has clocked more than 188 hours of volunteer experience working in a variety of areas including hearing screenings at local schools, the Stroke Group, Sound Start and fundraising events.

"I have had the chance to learn from some of the most skilled, caring and compassionate people I have ever had the pleasure of coming into contact with," she said. "Volunteering and giving back to the community I was born and raised in gives you an incomparable sense of worth."

Steed was honored at a volunteer reception in February. She plans to continue her education after graduation in May and obtain a master's degree in communication sciences and pursue a career in speech-language pathology.

Poetry consultant, artist coming to Georgia Southern Statesboro Campus

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In conjunction with The Georgia Poetry Circuit, the Department of Writing and Linguistics will host poet and visual artist Elena Karina Byrne on the Georgia Southern University Statesboro Campus on April 11.

Byrne will be giving a public craft talk and Q&A from 2 to 3 p.m. in the Newton Building room 1114, and she will have a reading of her poetry from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Parker College of Business room 1124. Books will be available for purchase before and after the reading.

Byrne is a visual artist, freelance editor, professor, book reviewer, literary programs director for the Ruskin Art Club, and annual poetry consultant and moderator for the *Los Angeles Times* Festival of Books. Her book reviews and essays have appeared in various publications, and she has published over 13 works of literature.

Georgia Southern University hosts Health Professions open house events on March 28 and 30

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Georgia Southern University's Waters College of Health Professions (COHP) and Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health (JPHCOPH) will co-host open house events on the Armstrong Campus on March 28 from 5:30 to 8:45 p.m. and March 30 from 8:30 a.m. to noon.

Prospective graduate students, current University students, community members, area health professionals and alumni are invited to attend. COHP and JPHCOPH faculty members will be on hand to share information on how to excel in a health-related career.

The events will be held in the Health Professions Academic Building, a new, 63,000 square-foot facility that is home to the Waters College of Health Professions. The building includes a simulation suite, nursing skills and assessment labs, communication sciences and disorders labs, cardiovascular intervention sciences lab, medical laboratory sciences, radiation therapy, nuclear medicine, and sonography, and a variety of hands-on, team-oriented learning opportunities.

The Waters College of Health Professions is the largest undergraduate health sciences college in the state of Georgia. More than 10 programs are offered, including nursing, physical therapy, communication sciences, radiologic sciences, respiratory therapy, kinesiology and medical laboratory sciences. Georgia Southern's allied healthcare programs represent almost one-fifth of all undergraduate healthcare degrees earned in Georgia.

For more information, and to register for the open house, please visit [Admissions.georgiasouthern.edu/health-professions-open-house-events/](https://admissions.georgiasouthern.edu/health-professions-open-house-events/).

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